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taken to form a National Park in the State over an extent of about 120 square miles including the present Venugopal Wild Life Park and the Game Sanctuary. In order to further popularise the Game Sanctuary and to attract foreign tourists in great numbers, a modern up-to-date hotel at Bandipur at an estimated cost of Rs. 2½ lakhs was proposed to be established.

774. The total revenue of the Department was Rs. 93,31,820 (Rs. 1,28,98,800). The main cause for the fall in the forest revenue during the year is attributed to the less receipts due to the slump in the sale of sandal oil owing to adverse market conditions for the commodity in the Continents.

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775. During the year 62,307 units of weights and measures were presented for testing as against 74,602 units of weights and measures in the previous year. Of these, 59,265 (70,127) units of weights and measures were certified for correctness.

776. A sum of Rs. 7,645 (Rs. 6,900) was realised as testing fee.

777. A total number of 5,255 (9,152) units of weights and measures of different denominations valued at Rs. 8,018 (Rs. 9,240) were sold by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the State.

778. One hundred and sixty (167) cases for having used false and uncertified weights and measures were launched and of these, 154 cases ended in conviction, 3 were acquitted and 3 were withdrawn. A sum of Rs. 1,546 was realised as fines as against Rs. 2,480 in the previous year.

779. The regulated market at Tiptur for coconuts, copra, jaggery and seegu continued to work satisfactorily. The various commodities auctioned in the market during the year were :—

Copra	...	5,44,370 mds. of 31½ lbs. each.	(5,73,321)
Cocoanuts	...	38,79,941	(28,44,462)
Seegu	...	12,82,834 lbs.	

780. A sum of Rs. 15,311 (Rs. 11,334) was collected by the Market Committee as market cess, license fee, etc.

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781. The various commodities sold in the regulated market at Davangere during the year were :—

Groundnut Pods	...	26,36,603 mds. of 28 lbs.	(31,97,093)
Chillies	...	2,28,400 ,,	(20,612)
Groundnut seeds	....	1,26,120 ,,	(24,148)
Cotton kappas	..	2,41,293 ,,	(2,23,888)
Cotton seed	...	14,857 ,,	(6,864)
Cotton lint	...	43,901 ,,	(5,896)
Jaggery	...	37,761 ,,	(23,982)
Thogari	...	12,802 pallas	(5,063)
Bengalgram	...	10,323 ,,	(6,520)
Sesamum	...	4,074 ,,	(3,235)
Castor seed	...	5,043 maunds	(13,052)

782. A sum of Rs. 45,210 was collected by the Market Committee as market cess and license fee.

The various commodities auctioned in the Regulated Market at Mysore were :—

Cocoanuts	...	26,90,101	(29,40,482)
Groundnuts	...	4,16,366 pallas.	(2,74,570)
Jaggery	...	71,913 mds.	(27,029)
Tamarind	...	40,811 ,,	(48,897)
Horsegram	...	22,777 pallas.	(22,774)
Chillies	...	26,696 mds.	(12,209)
Til seeds	...	10,947 pallas.	(9,326)

783. A sum of Rs. 28,996 (Rs. 28,600) was collected by the Market Committee as market cess and license fee.

784. Among the commodities auctioned in the Regulated Market at Chitaldrug were :—

Big cotton ...	...	1,14,890 Mds. of 28 lbs. each.
Small cotton ...	...	4,12,428 Do
Groundnuts ...	...	28,506 bags.
Cotton Lint ...	...	16,277 Mds. of 28 lbs. each.
Gingelly ...	...	6,645 pallas.

785. A sum of Rs. 11,626 was collected by the Market Committee towards license fee, market cess, etc.

786. The Regulated Market for arecanuts at Shimoga was opened in January 1951. During the year, 27,616 bags of arecanuts were received in the market and 4,000 bags of rasi saraku areca and 1,920 bags of bette areca was sold in auction.

787. The first Regulated Market Committee for Tumkur was constituted during the year after holding the elections in respect of the Traders' Constituency and

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arrangements were being made to start the Market from 1st April 1952.

788. A scheme for the establishment of a Regulated Market at Santhemarahalli for Silk Worm Cocoons was also sanctioned.

789. The grading of eggs at the five Egg-grading Stations, and the oranges at the Coorg Orange Growers Marketing Co-operative Societies Bangalore and Mysore was continued during the year.

790. The number of eggs and oranges graded and their value were as follows :—

Year	*Eggs*	*Value*
		Rs. a. p.
1950–51 ...	7,46,872	95,234–9–0
1951–52 ...	8,19,942	1,00,280–3–0

Grading fee collected	*Oranges*	*Value*
Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
905–13–0	43,432	3,305–6–0
860– 4–0	4,557	485–0–9

791. The Free Egg Grading Station at the Russel Market, Civil Station, Bangalore, was closed down from 31st December 1951 as it was not self supporting consequent on the decision taken by the Corporation of Bangalore not to introduce compulsory grading of eggs in Bangalore.

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792. The Department attended to a number of miscellaneous enquiries relating to agricultural commodities, live-stock and live-stock products both from within and outside the State in addition to the supply of supplementary information to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, New Delhi.

793. Information on the working of Regulated Markets in the State was furnished to the Chief Marketing Officer, Government of Hyderabad (Dn).

794. Information relating to acreage and production of coconuts in the State was collected and furnished to the Secretary, Indian Central Committee, Ernakulam. The wholesale prices of coconuts and their products prevailing at Tiptur and Arsikere were furnished to the Secretary, Indian Central Coconut Committee, every month for favour of publishing the same in their monthly Bulletin.

795. Information relating to acreage of groundnuts in the State was collected and furnished to the Secretary, Modi Vanaspati Manufacturing Co., Modi Nagar.

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796. Information relating to availability of fruits, vegetables and other food stuffs and their prices was collected and furnished every month to the Officers Commanding, Supply Depot, Bangalore, Headquarters, A.S.C. (South), Bangalore and Headquarters, E.M.E. Centre, Bangalore.

797. Various forecasts of agricultural produce received from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, were sent to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, New Delhi.

798. Weekly and fortnightly wholesale prices of seed potatoes, bananas, papaya, sweet potato, etc., were collected and furnished to the Economic and Statistical Adviser to the Government of India.

799. Enquiries relating to daily, weekly and monthly prices of agricultural commodities and live-stock products received from several Military contractors were attended to and information furnished on payment of prescribed fee.

800. The publication of prices in local Newspapers and dissemination of Market News through the All India Radio Broadcasting Station, Mysore, were continued in addition to collection and supply of Market News as and when required by the Central Agricultural Marketing Department and also other State Governments including Military authorities.

801. The Mysore Warehouses Act, 1951, received the assent of the President of the Republic of India during the year and necessary action was being taken to frame the Rules thereunder.

802. The Government constituted a special Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Marketing Officer to go into the details of the working of the Mysore Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939 and the Rules thereunder and to suggest such modifications as may be necessary to suit the present day trade conditions in the State.

803. The total cost of the administration of the Department was Rs. 55,400 (Rs. 49,026).